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
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,813,416	3/21/1989	Pollak et al.			
	5,823,946	10/20/1998	Chin			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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					YES	NO

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Copy of Literature entitled "Sternal Retractors and Rib Spreaders", pages 1.

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